

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 1, 2010

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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

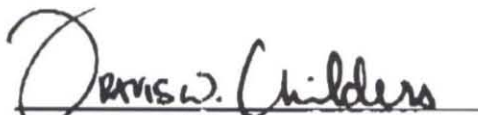
As you know, CenturyLink and Qwest Communications filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission on May 10, 2010 for approval of their proposed merger, and it has already received approval from the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission. We are writing to encourage timely consideration of the merger application.

CenturyLink and Qwest Communications are important contributors to our nation's economies, serving thousands of homes and businesses, and investing hundreds of millions of dollars in their broadband and voice networks. Continued investment in broadband networks in rural areas will enhance the economic competitiveness of each community served. We believe this merger will benefit consumers in rural America by enhancing the new company's ability to invest in much-needed broadband infrastructure and expand its offering of innovative services, such as IPTV. We are also encouraged that CenturyLink has a good track record of integrating companies it acquires without interruptions in quality customer service and operations, including its July 2009 acquisition of Embarq.

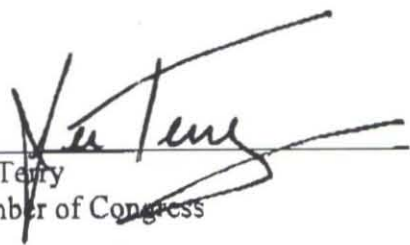


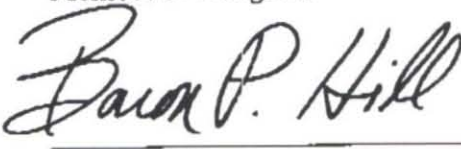
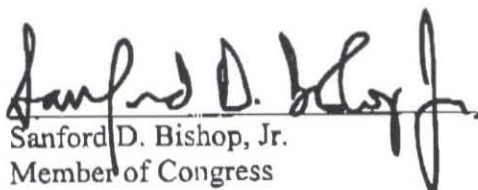
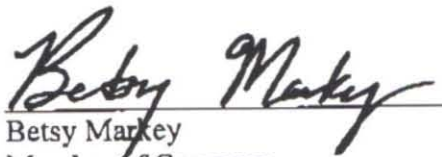
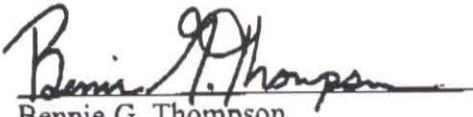
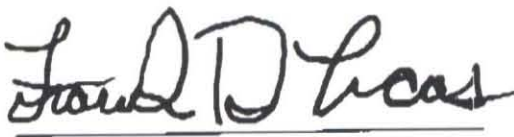
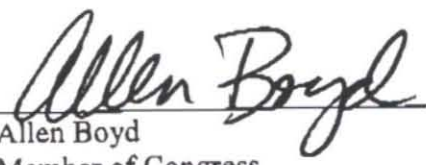
Investment in our nation's rural broadband infrastructure will help rural America to attract economic development opportunities and a 21st century workforce. It is encouraging that the merger is being accomplished as a stock-for-stock transaction, without any new debt or financing, an approach that will enhance the financial stability of the combined entity.

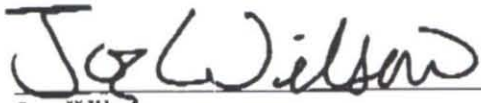
We thank you for a thoughtful and timely review of CenturyLink and Qwest Communications' application, and we appreciate your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,


Travis W. Childers
Member of Congress


Bart Stupak
Member of Congress


Lee Terry
Member of Congress
Sam Graves
Member of Congress
Jerry Moran
Member of Congress
Rick Boucher
Member of Congress
Baron P. Hill
Member of Congress
Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
Member of Congress
Mike McIntyre
Member of Congress
Betsy Markey
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Bennie G. Thompson
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Cliff Stearns
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Frank D. Lucas
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Allen Boyd
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Glenn 'GT' Thompson
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Robert B. Aderholt
Member of Congress



Joe Wilson
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Zach T. Space
Member of Congress



John Shimkus
Member of Congress



Mike Ross
Member of Congress



John Salazar
Member of Congress



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October 25, 2010

The Honorable Robert Aderholt
U.S. House of Representatives
1433 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Aderholt:

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October 25, 2010

The Honorable Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
U.S. House of Representatives
2429 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Bishop:

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The Honorable Rick Boucher
U.S. House of Representatives
2187 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Boucher:

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The Honorable F. Allen Boyd, Jr.
U.S. House of Representatives
1227 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Boyd:

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The Honorable Travis Childers
U.S. House of Representatives
1708 Longworth House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
2311 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Baron P. Hill
U.S. House of Representatives
223 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Betsy Markey
U.S. House of Representatives
1229 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Congresswoman Markey:

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The Honorable Mike McIntyre
U.S. House of Representatives
2437 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman McIntyre:

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The Honorable Jerry Moran
U.S. House of Representatives
2202 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Moran:

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The Honorable Mike Ross
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable John T. Salazar
U.S. House of Representatives
326 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Salazar:

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The Honorable John M. Shimkus
U.S. House of Representatives
2452 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Shimkus:

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The Honorable Zack Space
U.S. House of Representatives
315 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Space:

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The Honorable Cliff Stearns
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Dear Congressman Stearns:

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2268 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Stupak:

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U.S. House of Representatives
2331 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson
U.S. House of Representatives
2432 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Thompson:

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